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### Information for provincial and territorial welfare agencies

Welfare agencies are potentially entitled to reimbursement for temporary assistance they provide to claimants waiting for their UI benefits to start.

Under the Assignment of Benefit Program, a claimant signs a written authorization form allowing the welfare agency to reclaim its payment directly from the claimant's weekly UI benefit. This minimizes the possibility of dual UI/welfare payments being made to claimants during the same period.

### Amount of money paid back

The amount of money that is to be paid back to the agency is the amount considered paid/payable to the claimant by UI and welfare agencies for the same period. This calculation can be made based only on the claimant's UI report cards while receiving UI benefits. The agency controls the rate of recovery of this money from the claimant's subsequent UI benefits through use of the Minimum Living Allowance (MLA) and the Minimum Living Allowance Effective Week. If these are not used then UI benefits will be issued only when the net amount of UI benefit exceeds any outstanding dual amount.

#### Example:

A claimant receives \$150 in social assistance. Later, for the same weekly period, he or she is entitled to receive \$150 in UI benefits. UI will withhold the entire \$150 from the claimant's UI cheque to repay the social services agency.

The entire amount of the dual UI/welfare payment may be recovered at once (as above, since no MLA/MLA Effective Week was set up) or gradually over a period of up to 52 weeks when using the MLA/MLA Effective Week.

### Responsibilities of welfare agencies

It is up to the agency to:

- ensure that the UI claimant requesting an advance signs the Assignment of Benefit form before the welfare payment is made. These forms are available from provincial or territorial social affairs distribution centres;
- explain to the claimant that the advanced money issued by the welfare agency for UI payable periods will be recovered from subsequent UI entitlements;
- send the completed and signed form to the Regional Computer Centre (RCC) within eight weeks from the first week for which the welfare payment was made. The request will otherwise be rejected;
- tell claimants to continue sending in their UI claimant reports after receiving their social assistance payments; and





## Remboursement des organismes de bien-être par l'Assurance-chômage

### Renseignements pour les organismes de bien-être provinciaux et territoriaux

En principe, les organismes de bien-être peuvent se faire rembourser l'aide financière qu'ils offrent aux prestataires qui attendent leur premier chèque d'assurance-chômage (a.-c.).

Aux termes du Programme de cession de prestations, le prestataire autorise par écrit l'organisme de bien-être à demander un remboursement des sommes versées, directement à même ses prestations hebdomadaires d'assurance-chômage. Cela réduit le risque que des prestations soient versées en double (aide sociale et assurance-chômage) aux prestataires pour une même période.

### Somme à rembourser

Le montant qui doit être remboursé à l'organisme est celui qui est considéré comme payé ou payable au prestataire par l'Assurance-chômage et l'organisme de bien-être pour une même période. Ce montant ne peut être déterminé que d'après les cartes de déclaration remplies par le prestataire pendant qu'il touche de l'assurance-chômage. L'organisme peut contrôler le taux de recouvrement de l'aide sociale à même les prestations d'a.-c. du prestataire, en établissant une allocation de base et en fixant une semaine d'entrée en vigueur pour cette allocation. Si l'organisme n'a pas établi d'allocation de base ni fixé de semaine d'entrée en vigueur, le prestataire ne pourra toucher de prestations d'assurance-chômage que lorsque le montant net de ces prestations dépassera toute somme qui a été versée en double.

#### Exemple :

Un prestataire touche des prestations d'aide sociale de 150 \$. Plus tard, il reçoit des prestations d'assurance-chômage de 150 \$ pour la même semaine. La somme complète de 150 \$ sera retenue du chèque d'assurance-chômage du prestataire pour rembourser l'organisme de services sociaux.

La totalité du montant versé en double (assurance-chômage et aide sociale) peut être recouvrée en une seule fois (tel qu'il est indiqué ci-dessus, lorsque aucune allocation de base ni semaine d'entrée en vigueur n'ont été déterminées), ou progressivement, sur une période pouvant aller jusqu'à 52 semaines, lorsque une allocation de base et une semaine d'entrée en vigueur ont été fixées.

### Responsabilités des organismes de bien-être

L'organisme de bien-être doit :

- s'assurer que les prestataires d'assurance-chômage qui demandent une avance signent le formulaire de cession avant de recevoir l'allocation d'aide sociale. Ces formulaires sont disponibles aux centres de distribution des affaires sociales des provinces et territoires;
- expliquer au prestataire que la somme qu'il lui avance sera ensuite recouvrée à même les prestations d'assurance-chômage auxquelles il a droit;







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